

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fishing rod having a reel seat base, the fishing rod comprising:

 a rod shaft with a rod shaft reel seat mounted to the rod shaft;

 a reel and a reel seat assembly; and

 a hollow cylinder having an outer surface, a longitudinal cavity defined therein,
 and a cylinder mounting foot protruding outwardly from the outer surface attached
 thereto, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably secured engaged to with the
 rod shaft reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the rod shaft base of the
 fishing rod; and

 the a reel and reel seat assembly being having a reel mounted to an auxiliary reel
 seat through a reel mounting foot, at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat being
 releasably mounted and slidably inserted into the cavity of to the hollow cylinder
 with at least a portion of the reel and reel seat assembly extending outwardly
 therefrom inserted therein.
2. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the hollow cylinder comprises a cylindrical wall with an insertion opening therein, the reel of the reel and reel seat assembly extending outwardly from the hollow cylinder through the insertion opening.
3. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said hollow cylinder is made of plastic or metal.
4. (~~previously~~ currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, comprising a resilient means disposed inside said hollow cylinder at a closed end, said resilient means being

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compressed when the at least one portion of ~~said reel and~~ the auxiliary reel seat assembly is inserted inside said hollow cylinder.

5. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said resilient means is a coil spring.
6. (previously amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein the insertion opening has an L-shape with a longitudinal portion and a transversal portion for releasably mounting the reel and reel seat assembly to the hollow cylinder.
7. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said cylinder mounting foot is attached to the cylindrical wall of said hollow cylinder ~~and protrudes outwardly therefrom~~.
8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) A fishing rod according to claim 12, wherein said cylinder mounting foot is secured to the rod shaft reel seat base by frictional contact with at least one ring and at least one locking fastener.
10. (new) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the rod shaft has a tip end, a rear end, and a handgrip mounted to the rod shaft between the tip end and the rear end, the rod shaft reel seat being mounted to the rod shaft, rearwardly of the handgrip.
11. (new) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the hollow cylinder is juxtaposed to the rod shaft.
12. (new) A fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary reel seat is a cylindrical and has an outer surface and the reel mounting foot is removably mounted to the outer surface of the auxiliary reel seat.
13. (new) A fishing rod comprising:
 - a rod shaft with a rod shaft reel seat mounted to the rod shaft;
 - a hollow cylinder having a cylindrical wall defining a longitudinal cavity, an outer

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surface and an insertion opening, the hollow cylinder having a cylinder mounting foot extending outwardly from the outer surface, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably engaged with the rod shaft reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the rod shaft; and

an auxiliary reel seat releasably and slidably inserted into the longitudinal cavity of the hollow cylinder, the auxiliary reel seat having a reel mounted thereto, the reel extending outwardly through the insertion opening.

14. (new) A fishing rod according to claim 13, comprising a reel mounting foot for mounting the reel to the auxiliary reel seat.
15. (new) A fishing rod according to claim 14, wherein the auxiliary reel seat has a cylindrical shape with an outer surface and the reel mounting foot is removably mounted to the outer surface of the auxiliary reel seat.

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